

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the applicant's communication with the examiner, interview, held on April 10, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 21-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948), attached:
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 4/10/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment.
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6 and 21-26 are allowed.
2. Claims 7-20 and 27 have been cancelled.

### *Drawings*

3. The drawings filed on April 13, 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Seema Mehta on April 11, 2007.

5. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a computer system comprising:

a storage device comprising an application programming interface and an adapter; and

a processor configured to execute the application programming interface and the adapter;

wherein said [an] application programming interface [(API)] is configured, when executed, to enable [for] communicat[ing]ion between an application and [an] said adapter, wherein said application programming interface [API] is configured to provide a common interface for accessing a plurality of address book programs, wherein a first address book program of said plurality of address book programs comprises a first server-dependent application programming interface [API] and a second address book program of said plurality of address book programs comprises a second server-dependent application programming interface [API]; and

wherein said adapter is configured, when executed, to enable [for] communicat[ing]ion between said application programming interface and one of said plurality of address book programs,

wherein said adapter performs at least one address book operation on an address book entry in said first address book program, and wherein said at least one address book operation comprises one selected from a group consisting of fetching said address book entry, modifying said address book entry, adding said address book entry, and deleting said address book entry.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions which when executed cause a computing device to implement a method of communicating between an application and a plurality of address book programs comprising:

establishing a session between said application and a first address book program of the plurality of address book programs, wherein an implementation of said session is provided by an adapter for communicating between said application and said first address book program;

accessing said first address book program using said adapter; and

performing an operation on an address book entry in said first address book program using said adapter, wherein said operation is one selected from a group consisting of fetching said address book entry, modifying said address book entry, adding said address book entry, and deleting said address book entry,

wherein an address book application programming interface [(API)] provides a common interface for access to said plurality of address book programs, wherein said first address book program comprises a first server-dependent application programming interface [API] and a second address book program of said plurality of address book programs comprises a second server-dependent application programming interface [API].

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not render obvious to one ordinarily skilled in the art at the time of applicant's invention nor anticipate the combination of claimed elements

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including 'wherein said application programming interface is configured, when executed, to enable communication between an application and said adapter, wherein said application programming interface is configured to provide a common interface for accessing a plurality of address book programs, wherein a first address book program of said plurality of address book programs comprises a first server-dependent application programming interface and a second address book program of said plurality of address book programs comprises a second server-dependent application programming interface' and 'wherein said adapter performs at least one address book operation on an address book entry in said first address book program, and wherein said at least one address book operation comprises one selected from a group consisting of fetching said address book entry, modifying said address book entry, adding said address book entry, and deleting said address book entry.' as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claim 21.

The remaining claims, 2-6 and 22-26, are dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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### NAME OF CONTACT

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

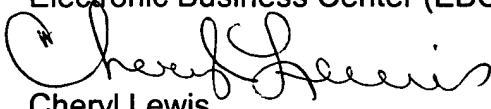
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